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MEMORANDUM FOR : Deputy Director of Central Intelligence  
VIA : Legislative Counsel  
FROM : S. D. Breckinridge  
SUBJECT : HSCA Request for DCI Appearance in  
December

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1. Action Requested: There is a recommendation for your approval in paragraph 7 below.

2. Background: Mr. Blakey, Chief Counsel and Staff Director of HSCA, has renewed the request that the Director appear before the Committee during the first or second full week of December. This will be between 4 and 15 December, the time to be settled. The plan is that the Attorney General, the Director of the FBI, and the head of the Secret Service will also be asked to appear.

3. Mr. Blakey outlined in sketchy fashion the subject matter the Committee would like to have covered. It differs in some respects from that suggested by him when they were planning for a September appearance. He still wishes the Director to speak on the Agency as it is today, but with the emphasis on the present and the future, rather than in contrast to the 1960s. Additionally, rather than speaking to specific issues arising out of the HSCA investigation, he now envisions a broader approach to the question of how the Government should react in the event of the assassination of some future President.

4. The general subjects stated by Mr. Blakey were not spelled out by him in much detail. They are listed below, along with some comments as to what would be involved:

- (a) Contingency plans - This seems to envision a description of whether--and if so what--the Agency plans to do if some future President or political figure is assassinated. Superficially such a consideration may appear useful, but it is

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